

Legislative and Research Committee Minutes  
February 5, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson; Supervisors Barrett, Lunde, Raymond, Tollisen and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Deputy Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Chairman Johnson announced the appointment of Supervisor Raymond as the committee Vice Chair.

Mr. Moore gave a brief outline of the Saratoga County 2014 Legislative Program, which includes the following agenda.

1. Urging a full State takeover of all local costs of the Medicaid Program
2. Urging reforms to Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education to increase accountability to the children served and achieve savings for County taxpayers.
3. Supporting a Constitutional Amendment banning new Unfunded Mandates and additional measures to provide Mandate Relief.
4. Calling on the Governor and State Legislature to fully restore VLT Host Benefits to their Pre-2009 level.
5. Opposing the closure of the Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility, and calling for reform to the Prison Closure process and Economic Development Aid for affected communities.
6. Supporting efforts to provide Veteran-owned businesses with increased opportunities in State contracting.
7. Urging the NYS Department of Labor to immediately fill Saratoga County's vacant Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist position.
8. Requesting reimbursement of the costs associated with holding a third primary in 2012, and calling for the Consolidation of State and Federal primaries on the same day.
9. Requesting a more equitable share of the New York State Public Safety Surcharge to support Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications.
10. Supporting the extension of Design-Build Contracting to local governments and urging the repeal of the Wicks Law.

11. Supporting the Executive Budget's commitment to Organ Donations and encouraging New Yorkers to register as Organ Donors.

**On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lunde the Legislative Program as outlined above was approved unanimously.**

Mr. Johnson said the Legislative Meeting in Albany will take place in March.

**On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom